

I want rules in place that serve the public, rather than private, interest. I oppose taking a vote that leads to more media consolidation. On June 2nd, I urge you to retain the current ownership rules.

I have seen what media consolidation can do. Two radio stations here in Southern California, both owned by ClearChannel, merged earlier this year. One of the stations was located in San Diego, the other in Los Angeles. Both stations specialized in sports talk. As a result jobs were lost, and voices of opinion left the air. One of the casualties was a show dedicated to covering the high school sports throughout the area that was staffed by people who volunteered their time for a two-hour window on Friday nights to give young athletes in the communities an on-air outlet. That two-hour window was replaced by syndicated national shows, as the San Diego office was closed and operations moved north. The current laws may need to be changed, but this is not the way.